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SUBJ: ROMANINAN VIEW OF SOVIET LEADERHIP DIFFERENCES AND SINO-SOVIET  
DISPUTE

1. ROMANIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR BOZIANU TOLD EMBOFF THAT ROMANIANS  
BELEIVE KOSYGIN WILL RESIGN SOON BECAUSE OF POLICY DIFFERENCES  
WITH BREZHNEF. PRINCIPAL POINT OF CONTENTION ACCORDING TO BOZIANU  
IS THAT KOSYGIN FAVORS MORE CONCILIATORY POLICY TOWARD PEKING AND  
GREATER FLEXIBILITY TOWARD EAST EUROPEANS. HE BELEIVES THAT SOV-  
IET RELATIONS WITH US HAVE LESSER PRIORITY AND THAT DETENT SHOULD  
NOT BE PRESSED. PRIMARY ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID TO EFFORTS  
PROMOTING HARMONY WITHIN COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. BOZIANU FELT THAT  
BREZHNEV'S POSITION WAS SECURE AND THAT IT WAS DEFINITELY KOSYGIN  
WHO WOULD BE REPLACED UNDER THE GUISE OF RESIGNATION FOR REASONS  
OF HEALTH.

2. BOZIANU CLAIMED THAT WHEN BREZHNEV LAUNCHED INTO ANTI-  
CHINESE DIATRIBE AT CRIMEAN CONFERENCE IN JULY, CEAUSESCU  
ROSE AND LEFT THE ROOM. NOTING THAT ROMANIANS HAD NOT BEEN  
INVITED IT CRIMEAN CONFERENCE IN AUGUST 1971, WHICH WAS FORUM  
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FOR ANTI-CHINESE STATEMENTS, HE FELT THAT BREZHNEV SHOJLD HAVE

KNOWN BETTER THAN TO TRY TO ASSOCIATE ROMANIA WITH ANTI-PEKING  
POLEMICS AT RECENT CRIMEAN MEETING.

3. COMMENT: BOZIANU DID NOT VOLUNTEER COMMENT ON KOSYGIN AND  
WE TEND TO THINK IT REPRESENTS HONEST ROMANIAN APPRAISEL. HE  
ADMITTED HE WAS AWARE KOSYGIN'S RETIREMENT HAD BEEN RUMORED FOR  
PAST SEVERAL YEARS. HIS VIEW MAY REFLECT NO MORE THAN LOGICAL  
DEDUCTION, GIVEN KOSYGIN'S STEADY RELEGATION TO BACKGROUND IN  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS BREZHNEF HAS DEVELOPED HIS "PEACE PROGRAM."  
ON OTHER HAND, KOSYGIN'S ALLEGED DEDICATION TO MORE FLEXIBILITY  
TOWARD EAST EUROPE AND TO A LINE ON CHINA MORE IN KEEPING WITH  
BUCHAREST'S MAKES HIS POSITION A MATTER OF OBVIOUS CONCERN TO  
ROMANIANS AND WOULD SEEM TO INCREASE THE CREDIBILITY OF THEIR  
VIEW CONCERNING HIS FUTURE PROSPECTS. IRWIN

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